

ORDER

Adopted: October 29,2002 Released: October 30,2002

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

- 1. **On** September 12, 2002, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Notice") in the above-captioned proceeding.' The Notice commences the Commission's third biennial review of its media ownership rules, including the local television multiple ownership rule² and the radiotelevision cross-ownership de.'
- 2. The Commission has received *two* petitions related to ownership rules that are reviewed in the *Notice*. First, Entravision Holdings, LLC ("Entravision") filed a petition for reconsideration of the

¹ In the Matter € 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant 10 Section 202 of the Telecommunications Acr € 1996. Cross-Ownership & Broadcast Stations and Newspapers, Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership & Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markers, Definition & Radio Markers. FCC 02-249 (MB Docket No. 02-277), released September 24, 2002 ("Norice").

² 47 C.F.R.§ 73.3555(b).

¹47 C.F.R. § 73.3555(c)

⁴ Petition for Reconsideration of Entravision Holdings, LLC, MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8 (filed Mar. 8, 2001) ("Entravision Petition"). Although the Commission invited additional pleadings on Entravision's petition, (continued...)

Commission's second order on reconsideration in its proceeding revising the local television multiple ownership rule to permit parties to count toward the eight-station minimum in the voice test only those stations that have a Grade **B** contour that intersects at least one of the stations in the proposed merger.' Entravision suggests that in revising the rule to count only certain stations in a Designated Market **Area** ("DMA") toward the eight-station "voice count" minimum, the Commission created "sub-DMAs." Entravision seeks further revision of the television duopoly rule to apply the rule independently to each sub-DMA. Second, Viacom, Inc. ("Viacom") filed a petition for rulemalung asking the Commission to initiate a proceeding proposing repeal of the radio-television cross-ownership rule. In the *Notice*, the Commission addresses whether and, if so, how to apply a voice count with respect to the local television multiple ownership rule and whether to retain the radio-television cross-ownership rule. Therefore, we will dismiss both petitions as moot, and treat them as comments filed in the biennial review proceeding.

- 3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Entravision Holdings, LLC on March 8, 2001 in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8 and the Petition for Rulemalung filed by Viacom Inc. on May 23, 2002 ARE DISMISSED, pursuant to sections 4(i) and 4(j) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j).
- **4.** IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Entravision Holdings, LLC on March 8, **2001** in MM Docket Nos. **91-221** and 87-8 and the Petition for Rulemaking filed by Viacom Inc. on May **23,2002** ARE INCORPORATED INTO the above-captioned proceeding as comments, pursuant to sections **4**(i) and **4**(j) of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j).

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⁵ In the Matter of Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing Television Broadcast, Television Satellite Stations Review of Policy and Rules, MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8, Memorandum Opinion & Second Order on Reconsideration, 16 FCC Red 1067 (2001).

⁶ Entravision Petition at **2-3**

⁷ Viacom, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking, (filed May 23,2002) at 1